

Try It

Read the passage. Look for the steps that tell you what to do. Use the questions to help you.

How to Paint a Bookcase

Materials:

- 1 bookcase
- 1 can of paint
- a tarp or newspaper
- old clothes that can get dirty
- a three-inch brush and a one-inch brush

Directions:

1. Dip the one-inch brush into the paint. Drag the brush on the inside edge of the can to remove extra paint and avoid drips. Repeat as needed.
2. Paint along all the creases of the shelves on the top, bottom, and sides.
3. Dip the wide brush into the paint and remove any extra paint. Repeat as needed.
4. Paint the back, top, and sides of the bookshelf in long, even swipes. Try to make all your brush strokes go in the same direction.
5. Once the creases are dry, use the wide brush to cover all unpainted areas.
6. Leave the bookshelf to dry in fresh air. The smell will be strong, so opening a window is very important.
7. Immediately seal the paint cans. Wipe up any spills and rinse your brushes in a sink.
8. After the bookcase is completely dry, carefully remove the tarp or newspaper. Remember, drying can take up to 24 hours.

